

1 Q Would you estimate approximately how many traffic  
2 stops, not including traffic stops involving drugs, that you  
3 have been involved in during your time?

4 A I couldn't give you an accurate number. I know it's  
5 thousands.

6 Q And in terms of actual drug interdictions stops where  
7 you find narcotics, would you estimate that as well  
8 similarly broadly?

9 A Yes, sir, if you include misdemeanor and felony  
10 amounts, yes, sir.

11 Q And approximately how many of those?

12 A That's well over a thousand as well.

13 Q And how many narcotics investigators are there in the  
14 17th Judicial Drug Task Force?

15 A There's five people total. Everybody works cases, to  
16 include the director.

17 Q And how many are interdiction officers?

18 A Just me.

19 Q Just one. Now, do you only operate within the  
20 confines of the counties of the 17th Judicial District Task  
21 Force?

22 A No, sir, because it's just me, it's very hard to do  
23 interdiction by yourself for safety reasons, so we have  
24 signed memorandums of understanding with several other drug  
25 task forces to include the 19th Judicial Drug Task Force,

1 the 12th Judicial Drug Task Force, and the 10th Judicial  
2 Drug Task Force.

3 Q What does it mean to work with them? What are sort of  
4 terms of that, how does that operate?

5 A In the 19th Judicial case, they only have one person  
6 assigned to interdiction full time as well, so we'll work  
7 together.

8         If I have office duties or K-9 duties or some other  
9 duties, or something like that, he may work with somebody  
10 else, or if he's busy, I may go over and work with the 12th  
11 Judicial Drug Task Force, so on and so forth.

12 Q Is there a reason you don't do drug interdictions  
13 operations by yourself?

14 A Safety.

15 Q Would you ever go out by yourself?

16 A No, sir.

17 Q When you say you would go out and do drug interdiction  
18 operations with someone else, does that always mean there's  
19 someone else in your vehicle?

20 A No, sir.

21 Q Okay. So it means what?

22 A That there's somebody else out there working with you.  
23 They may be in their car or they may be in my car, one, but  
24 you have a partner out there with you the entire shift.

25 Q I want to turn your attention to the date of this stop

1 and arrest, September 14, 2010. Were you working  
2 interdiction operations that day?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Where were you?

5 A In Robertson County.

6 Q Where approximately in Robertson County were you?

7 A It's -- we were working the whole county that day, but  
8 we mainly concentrated in the north part of the county on  
9 I-65.

10 Q Who was your partner that day, your backup?

11 A It was Agent Travis Childers and Agent Luis Zapata.

12 Agent Travis Childers is with the 17th Drug Task Force.

13 Agent Zapata is with the 19th Drug Task Force.

14 Agent Zapata was -- he had something to do that  
15 morning. He was going to come out later in the day, so  
16 Agent Childers rode with me. He came out with me in the  
17 morning and stayed with me all day.

18 Q Now, did you -- was there some reason Zapata was  
19 meeting up with the two of you later that day?

20 A I don't remember what he had. He had something to do  
21 that morning.

22 Q What time of day did you start doing interdiction?

23 A It was either 6:00 or 7:00 in the morning.

24 Q And where -- what interstate, I guess, were you  
25 focusing on at that point?